

REMARKS

It is noted, with appreciation, that the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-4 and 11-19 have been allowed and that claims 6-10, although objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto, U.S. Patent No. 6,033,321. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner will note, claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6, and correspondingly it is believed that claim 1 is now allowable. Also, claim 5, which is dependent upon claim 1, 21 or 22 should also be allowable since claim 21 includes allowable subject matter of claim 6, newly added claim 21 includes allowable subject matter of claim 7 and newly added claim 22 contains allowable subject matter of claim 10. Thus, it is believed that claims 1 and 5 are now allowable over the prior art. Claims 6-10 have been amended so as to be dependent from allowable claims. In this connection, the Examiner should recognize that newly added claim 21 represents a combination of original claim 1 and allowable claim 7 and newly added claim 22 represents a combination of original claim 1 and the subject matter of allowable claim 10.

Claim 20 has been rejected by the Examiner as being anticipated by the Buhrke et al. reference, U.S. Patent No. 1,889,743. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Buhrke et al. patent is directed to a golf club which is adapted only for use in connection with tubular metallic shafted clubs, the shaft of which is designed to be inserted within the hollow steel shaft in the manner illustrated in Fig. 4 and then finally driven into a locking position as shown in Fig. 5. Please see in this regard column 1, lines 46-50 and column 2, lines 57-60. The teachings of the Buhrke et al. patent is to be distinguished from the present invention as defined in claim 20, wherein the socket and the weight member extend into

the inside of the main body of the golf club head where it is secured by a crushable portion which causes the socket to expand. It is believed that the Buhrke et al. patent doesn't even remotely suggest the Applicant's inventive contribution.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is now believed the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested. When considering the present proposed Amendment, the Examiner should recognized that all of the amendments made to the claims and the addition of newly added claims 21 and 22 merely represent a rewriting of the existing claims in allowable form as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action letter. Thus, even though two claims have been added to the present application, that is, newly added claims 21 and 22, these newly added claims do not create new issues but merely combine certain claims indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Thus, in view of the amendments made to the existing claims as well as the additional claims 21 and 22 and in view of the fact that claim 20 is considered to be allowable over the prior art for the reasons set forth hereinabove, it is now believed the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that the proposed amendment does not place the present application in condition for allowance, entry thereof is respectfully requested as placing the present application into better condition for appeal.

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